

(3) Local/NRD Matching

- NRDs contribute funding to studies and overappropriated basins
- NRD property tax levy up to maximum allowed (\$12.7 million statewide)
 1. Republican NRDs (\$330,000)
 2. Platte NRDs (\$2.9 million)
- Exceed budget authority to levy; interlocal agreements
- Other local sources (cities/counties as part of interlocal)

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Water Resources Trust Fund

- Within DNR
- Maintain existing funding sources to DNR programs
- New revenue sources dedicated to fund must be broad-based
- Use for (1) existing DNR programs, (2) WPTF research/data studies, (3) WPTF overappropriated basins (tools 1-3)
- Rules established for funding and local/NRD matching contributions
- Oversight by water users

A. Uses of Water Resources Trust Fund

- (1) Existing DNR Programs (\$7.7 million)
 - Resource Development (\$3.6 million)
 - Small Watersheds (\$24,000)
 - Well Decommissioning (\$175,000)
 - Natural Resources Water Quality (\$1.25 million)
 - Soil/Water Conservation (\$2.7 million)
 - Interrelated Water Management (\$0)
- (2) Research/Data/Funding Recommendations (\$1.4--\$2.4 million per funding subcom.)
 - Data gathering/organizing
 - COHYST studies
 - Local specialized studies
- (3) Tools in overappropriated basins (\$2 million ????)
 - Alternative supplies
 - Incentives to reduce consumptive use
 - Compensation

B. Revenue for Water Resources Trust Fund

- (1) Existing Revenue Sources to Water Resources Fund
 - \$6.3 million general fund appropriations
 - \$1 million Environmental Trust Fund grants toward water issues
 - \$1.42 million well registration fees, pesticide registration fees, pesticide licensing fees
 - other?
- (2) New Revenue Sources for Water Resources Trust Fund (\$3-5 million)
 - Additional \$1-3 million general funds appropriated to trust fund
 - Formally dedicate existing \$1 million ETF grants (lottery funds) to trust fund
 - Other dedicated revenue sources?? (\$0-2 million/funding subcommittee ideas)
 - Federal dollars